

Buckingham House
Knoxville, Tennessee. (10-11-1947)
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Historic American Buildings Survey
J. Frazer Smith, District Officer
36 So. Evergreen, Memphis, Tenn.

BUCKINGHAM HOUSE
Sixteen Miles East of Knoxville
Sevier County, Tennessee

Owner: Not given.

Date of Erection: 1795 (card and drawings and following page).

Architect: No record.¹

Builder: No record.¹

Present Condition: Good.

Number of Stories: One and a half.

Materials of Construction: Brick.

Other Existing Records: See text.

Additional Data: See following pages.

¹ The drawings give Thomas and Ephraim Buckingham as architects and builders. What is meant is that they were the first owners and had the house built for them.

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HISTORICAL NOTES:

The Buckingham House was built sixteen miles from Knoxville on the old Sevierville Pike. It was erected in 1795 by Thomas and Ephraim Buckingham on a large tract of land purchased from John Sevier. The initials and date are clearly indicated in the brick of the front wall. The house is said to be the first brick house in east Tennessee. The bricks were made on the site, as was the custom in those days, and they are laid in the Flemish and English bonds. The old lean-to porch is the forerunner of the white columned portico of later days.

At present the house is occupied by transient tenants.

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